

Policy Opportunities for Early Childhood Education

This resource highlights the policies in the Perinatal Substance Use collaboration & Policy Action Map that are most relevant to the Early Childhood Education sector. It is designed to help sector partners quickly identify where they can contribute to strengthening the perinatal substance use system.

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE:

Within the policy opportunity column, use the POLICY LEVEL TAG to identify whether the policy is a federal, state, local, or organizational policy.

- Federal Policy
- Local Policy
- State Policy
- Organizational Policy

The POLICY FOCUS AREA TAG can be used to identify which of the five core focus areas the policy supports:

- **Sustainable Financing and Investment:** Ensuring sustained resources to support accessible, high-quality perinatal SUD care, services, and system infrastructure.
- **Integrated, Family-Centered Care:** Promoting coordinated care that addresses the needs of the whole family and is grounded in families' preferences, strengths, and expertise.
- **Legal and Policy Reform:** Removing legal and policy barriers that create harm or limit access to care while advancing policies that protect and support families.
- **Family Stability and Preservation:** Strengthening the conditions and supports that help families remain safe, stable, healthy, and together whenever possible.
- **System Quality, Accountability, and Capacity:** Building the workforce capacity, infrastructure, data, and accountability needed for a high-quality, responsive, and continuously improving system.



The **potential partners column** identifies other system actors connected to each policy, helping you identify potential collaborators and opportunities for cross-sector action.



The **values advanced column** highlights which of the Action Map's core values each policy can help advance. These values reflect what people with personal experience of perinatal substance use identified as important in an ideal system.

POLICY OPPORTUNITY	POTENTIAL PARTNERS	VALUES ADVANCED
Dedicate opioid settlement funding to family-centered perinatal SUD prevention, treatment, recovery, and early childhood supports. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE FINANCING & INVESTMENT	County and city public health agencies, Behavioral Health Divisions, Family and Child Services, ECCS, community organizations	- Abundance Mindset - Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing - Shared Purpose and Collective Responsibility
Change timelines to promote recovery STATE FAMILY STABILITY & PRESERVATION	Polymakers, Judicial And Law Enforcement, Family Treatment Courts, Family And Child Services, Licensing And Regulatory Bodies, Behavioral Health Divisions, Medicaid Agencies, Public Health Associations, Professional Associations, Academia, Think Tanks, Advocacy Groups, Title V MCH & CYSHCN Programs, IECMH Programs, Early Intervention (Part C), Head Start	- Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing - Compassion and Shared Humanity - Trauma Responsiveness
Establish local reunification support programs LOCAL FAMILY STABILITY & PRESERVATION	County and City Public Health Agencies, Family and Child Services, Housing Programs (HUD, PHAs, CoCs), Behavioral Health Divisions, Healthcare Organizations, Behavioral Health and SUD Treatment Providers, Community Health Clinics (FQHCs), Nontraditional Care Providers, Home Visiting/MIECHV, Healthy Start, ECCS, WIC/TANF/ DV Programs, Workforce Development/Training, Depts Of Employment, Tribal Governments, Philanthropy and Foundations, Community Foundations and Local Grantmakers, Community Organizations, Family	- Compassion and Shared Humanity - Lifelong Recovery and Family Wellbeing
Adopt family preservation as a core organizational principle ORGANIZATIONAL FAMILY STABILITY & PRESERVATION	Healthcare Organizations, Behavioral Health and SUD Treatment Providers, Clinicians/General Providers, Licensing and Regulatory Bodies, Professional Associations, PQCS, Behavioral Health Divisions, Family and Child Services, Iecmh Programs, Home Visiting/MIECHV, Healthy Start, Title V MCH & CYSHCN Programs, Tribal Governments, Community Organizations, Community Health Clinics (FQHCS), Advocacy Groups, Family, Academia, Public Health Associations	- Health - Medicaid and Payers - Policy - Capacity Building and Technical Assistance - Tribal/State/Local Public Health

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